



## LMPD & CWF Launch Program to Reduce Fatalities



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Director

OFW is pleased to announce Kathryn Tillet as the new Community Outreach Specialist for the Visitation & Exchange Center program, (funded through the federal Safe Havens Grant).

Kathryn will be introducing herself soon through her own newsletter & you will see her at events like Neighborhood Place Annual Day, October 24th.

The Kentucky Human Rights Commission announced [new inductees](#) to the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Among them are several Louisville inductees, including Delores Delahanty.

Speaking of Civil Rights—Election Day is coming (November 6th).

You can click here to find where your location for voting.  
You can click here to see a Sample ballot.

The Center for Women and Families (CWF) hosted a press conference to announce implementation of the [Lethality Assessment Project \(LAP\)](#) through a new partnership with Louisville Metro Police.

A 2004 report noted that only 4% of victims of domestic violence homicides and attempted homicides had utilized domestic violence programs. [LAP's goal is to reduce domestic violence fatalities by identifying victims in high-risk situations and connecting them to domestic violence services.](#)

Fourteen states are using the LAP program. This researched based program was first implemented in 2005. Where implemented, LAP has reduced domestic violence fatalities 40-50%.

LAP was identified as a potentially good fit for Louisville by the Mary Byron Project (MPB) which

receives applications from successful domestic violence programs for the annual MBP Celebrating Solutions Awards. After recognizing the work of the [Lethality Assessment Project—Maryland Model](#) with a Celebrating Solution Award, MBP began working with community leaders to bring the project to Louisville.



(left to Right: Pat Byron—MBP, Chief Steve Conrad—LMPD, Marta Miranda—CWF, Marcia Roth—MBP, Lt. Carolyn Nunn—LMPD  
More CWF [Photos](#) on Facebook)

## Louisville Metro Supervised Visitation & Exchange Center

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a good time to bring awareness to the Louisville Metro Visitation and Exchange Center which offers supervised visitation and exchange services for families with a history or potential for domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking. Funding is provided by a Safe Havens grant from the federal Department of Justice through the Office on Violence Against Women and Louisville Metro Government.

Louisville is fortunate to be one of the communities with a supervised visitation and exchange program. The program is designed to prevent contact between parents when supervised visits and when children are exchanged for unsupervised visits. Therefore, No Contact and Domestic Violence Orders are not violated.

To be eligible and remain eligible for services:

- Children must be in the custody of one or both parents and visiting a parent. (Foster and kinship care cases cannot be accepted.)
- Parents must have a history or risk of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking

- Parents must agree to and adhere to program policies.

Approximately 6,000 supervised visits and exchanges are provided each year in child friendly environments at two sites :

**The Visitation Center at Family Place** provides supervised visits in a safe, nurturing environment for children to visit with their nonresidential parent — some exchanges are provided. Located in a residential area of Louisville, the Center includes child-friendly visitation rooms, outdoor fenced play areas and family-friendly waiting rooms.

**The Safe Exchange Center at Home of the Innocents** provides a safe place for the exchange of children between parents for unsupervised visitation — some supervised visits are provided. Centrally located in downtown Louisville, the executing court ordered visitation schedules.

To request more information about the program contact:  
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### Community Highlights:

[Rendezvous at Queen of Sheba](#) for Unikids

Family Scholar House [Annual Luncheon](#)

KY Commission on Women: 2013 Kentucky Women Remembered [Nominations](#) are open.

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## Community Activities

### Where will you see OFW in October?

**October 20—[Community-Wide Conversation on Economic Justice](#)** (free, open to the public)

**Homeless Connect / Stand Down** sponsored by Veterans Affairs and Louisville Metro was held October 10th. More than 600 people came to obtain information and services from approximately 45 service providers.

This annual event is an example of Louisville as a compassionate city. It requires a city-wide effort to offer services, consultations and referrals such as eye exams (Lions Eye), Legal Aid Society, flu shots, back packs provided by the VA and the Coalition for the Homeless, I.D. cards and more. The Salvation Army was the site host and prepared donated ingredients to serve chili. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office assisted with crowd control. TARC runs special routes to assist with transportation needs.



A year-long planning effort coordinates the many participants and donations.



Office For Women spent the day helping homeless women connect to services and asking for their input. OFW is compiling data from women surveyed at this event from the past five years.

## OFW Community Calendar—See more in the online Calendar

Monday, October 01- Friday, December 07	<a href="#">Marshall's Women Health &amp; Education Ctr Fall Programs</a>
Monday, October 15- Friday, November 02	<a href="#">Internet &amp; Social Media Workshops</a>
Tuesday, October 16- Monday, October 29	<a href="#">SBDC Start Your Own Business Workshop Series</a>
Wednesday, October 17 - Sunday, October 28	<a href="#">Driving Miss Daisy Production</a>
Wednesday, October 17- Friday, November 16	<a href="#">Blanket Louisville Collection</a>
Friday, October 19, 2012	<a href="#">Job Seekers Conference</a>
Saturday, October 20, 2012	<a href="#">Domestic Violence Awareness Day</a>
Saturday, October 27, 2012	<a href="#">10-27 Arts &amp; Democracy Organizing Meeting</a>

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